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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2001

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Smith called the meeting of September 5, 2001 to order at 1:01 p.m.

Commissioners present: J.K. Sasaki, Arlo Smith and Michael C. Palmer. Commissioner John E. Hensley was absent.

Staff present: Gary Qualset, Deputy Director, Licensing and Compliance Division
Peter Melnicoe, Chief Counsel.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve the August 22, 2001 Commission Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Item 1. Cardroom Approval of Work Permit Applications:

- a. Central Coast Casino (Grover Beach):
Kelly, Timothy

Deputy Director Qualset indicated both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommended approval of the work permit. Commissioner Sasaki moved to approve Item 1a. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

- b. Jok-Erz Wild Casino:
Arango, Juan
Cardenas, Johnny
Charp, Marsha
Cornelio, Virgilio
Santellan, Karla

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Deputy Director Qualset stated both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommended approval of the work permits listed in Item 1b. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve Item 1b. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

Item 2. Cardroom Approval of State Gambling License:

- a. Garden City Casino: Garden City Inc., A California Corporation

Deputy Director Qualset indicated both the Division of Gambling Control and Commission staff recommended approval. The license will be issued to the Corporation. Commissioner Smith asked staff to continue to work toward resolving identified issues. Staff also indicated they would be keeping the leasor, who wishes to purchase the card room informed of licensing process. Commissioner Palmer also recommended the chip funds be monitored to ensure proper funding. Qualset indicated Commission staff will be working with Division staff to monitor the fund. Commissioner Palmer moved to approve Item 2a with staff's monitoring. Commissioner Sasaki seconded the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Sustatia—Gambling Consultant, asked pending applications with a stay in effect by the Court and what action the Commission can take. Peter Melnicoe recommended he submit the particular issues to Commission staff for review in order to respond.
- Mike Sabotia—Sonoma Joes, asked for an update on the temporary work permit procedures. Peter Melnicoe indicated that it is the Attorney General's opinion that emergency regulation must be adopted in order to administratively issue temporary work permits. Commission staff are working on the regulations and are taking in to consideration the public comment that was received at the August 22, 2001 Commission meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

- None

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Smith announced that the Commission would be going into closed session and would reconvene at approximately one hour. At 1:21 p.m., the Commission adjourned to closed session after Commission Counsel stated that discussions concerning litigation would take place under Government Code Section 11126(c) and 11126(e), and personnel issues under Government Code Section 11126(a)(1).

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Smith reconvened the open session at 2:40 p.m. and indicated there were no announcements from the closed session.

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Future Agenda Items: Commission Discussion

The Commissioners continued their discussion concerning how items should be placed on the agenda. There was also discussion concerning how Commission policies could be set. Discussion on the item was continued.

Commissioner Smith announced that the next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2001. Commissioner Sasaki moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.